GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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AMENDMENT OF SC AND ST PREVENTION OF ATROCITIES ACT
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to amend the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act ;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government has sought suggestions from the States in this regard;

(d) if so, the number of States who have submitted their suggestions; and

(e) the names of the States who have not submitted their suggestions so far?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) to (e) The suggestions towards amendments in the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 were invited from State Governments and Union Territory Administrations which were received from Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Chhatisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Punjab, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Chandigarh, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu, Delhi, Lakshwadeep and Puducherry. No final decision has, however, been taken to amend the Act.